

Crafting with Words

“Words paint pictures in readers’ minds. Word choice is a powerful tool to a writer. I want students to recognize that words can bring a book alive for their readers. I look for mentor texts that demonstrate the effective use of language through word choice.” Jennifer Allen

Even More Parts, Ted Arnold	Frankenstella, Herbie Brennan
The Summer My Father Was Ten, Pat Brisson	Pinduli, Janell Cannon
Hello Harvest Moon, Ralph Fletcher	Twilight Comes Twice, Ralph Fletcher
Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster, Debra Frasier	Pirate Girl, Cornelia Funke
Winter at Long Pond, William George	Right Outside My Window, Mary Hoberman
I Call it Sky, Will Howell	Grandfather’s Lovesong, Reeve Lindbergh
The Perfect Pet, Margie Palatini	Piggie Pie, Margie Palatini
Dog Breath: The Horrible Trouble with Hally Tosis, Dav Pilkey	Summer’s Vacation Lynn Plourde
Spring’s Sprung, Lynn Plourde	Winter Waits, Lynn Plourde
Wild Child, Lynn Plourde	Slithery Jake, Rose-Marie Provencher
The Cinder-Eyed Cats, Eric Rohmann	When Marian Sang, Pam Munoz Ryan
Baloney, Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	How to Cross a Pond: Poems About Water, Marilyn Singer
Looking at Liberty, Harvey Stevenson	The Starry Night, Neil Waldman
The Canada Geese Quilt, Natalie Warnock-Kinsey	Waiting for the Evening Star, Rosemary Wells
Owl Moon, Jane Yolen	